

## 1. WHAT WAS YOUR MILITARY BRANCH AND HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU SERVE?

? I was in the US Army for 24 years. The first six and a half years were in the Infantry and Special Forces; the rest was in Military Intelligence.

## 2. WHAT LED YOU TO A CAREER WITH THE MILITARY?

I decided while in high school to try for appointment to West Point and an Army career. My father, most of my uncles, and one aunt were WWI or WWII veterans. I received an appointment with the class of 1962 after one year at Mississippi State University.

## 3. HOW DOES YOUR CURRENT POSITION IMPACT THE SOLDIER?

EC2M, with Enterprise Email and Army Knowledge Online (AKO), provides services that touch every member of the Army by providing email service, the AKO portal, file storage, identity and access management and single sign on service for all Army applications.

## 4. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVE DUTY STATION AND WHY?

I enjoyed my tour at Ft. Dix, NJ with Army Readiness Region II supporting reserve component units. The Readiness Region Headquarters staff consisted of a Major General and a collection of Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and Majors from all branches of the Army with a few Warrant Officers and senior noncommissioned officers all of whom were focused on training the post-Vietnam Army for the possibility of war with the Soviet Union. The post, itself, was a small compact one, convenient to Philadelphia, New York City, and the Jersey shore. It was also great area for a family with three preschool age children.

## 5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY OF YOUR MILITARY CAREER?

As a brand new Infantry 2LT, I began my active duty at Ft. Benning with Airborne School, to be followed by the Infantry Basic Officer Course, and Ranger School. During Airborne school jump week, after our C-119 "Flying Boxcar" finally became airborne, it was time for my first parachute jump. After the rush of the jump commands, slapping the sides of the doorway, jumping into space with hands on the reserve, and feeling the tug of the static line pulling my chute open, I looked up at the miracle of my canopy and said "Oh you big beautiful....". That's when deep lumps suddenly appeared as boots crossed over it before disappearing over the side. I do not remember exactly what I said while this was happening, but it was emphatic. All landed safely.

## 6. WHAT DOES BEING A VETERAN MEAN TO YOU?

Although I was a professional soldier I served with many who were draftees in Vietnam and before. I could not tell then whether an enlisted soldier was a volunteer (RA) or a draftee (US) by their duty performance. Many draftees rose to become staff sergeants during their two years. I recently attended a reunion of the 35th Infantry Regiment Association in Arlington, VA, and had dinner with the communications chief, one of the radio operators, and one of the artillery forward observers from my tour as CO, Bravo Company, 2/35th Infantry in 1967. All left the military after Vietnam for productive civilian careers, as a successful entrepreneur, a General Motors production worker, and as a lawyer in private practice, respectively. Being a veteran means being a part of this brotherhood formed in times of stress that extends through all levels of our society.

# VETERANS IN THE PEO EIS WORKFORCE SPOTLIGHT

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